

By Don Lee

H B. No. 616

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain exceptions applicable to licensure as a fitter or dispenser of hearing aids.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 366, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969 (Article 4566-1.01 et seq., Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 6A to read as follows:

Sec. 6A. PHYSICIAN LICENSE. On application, the Board shall issue a license under this Act without examination to a physician licensed by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners if the physician:

(1) meets the other requirements for a license under this Act; and

(2) presents evidence satisfactory to the Board of sufficient practical experience in the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids.

SECTION 2. Section 19, Chapter 366, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969 (Article 4566-1.19, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is repealed.

SECTION 3. (a) This section applies to a person who, on the effective date of this Act:

(1) is engaged in the practice of measuring human hearing as part of the academic curriculum of an accredited institution of

1 higher education; or

2 (2) possesses an earned postbaccalaureate degree in
3 audiology from an accredited institution of higher education.

4 (b) A person covered by this section is eligible to obtain a
5 license under Section 6, Chapter 366, Acts of the 61st Legislature,
6 Regular Session, 1969 (Article 4566-1.06, Vernon's Texas Civil
7 Statutes), without taking the examination required by that Act, if
8 the person fulfills all other requirements for obtaining a license
9 under that Act.

10 (c) An application for a license under this section must be
11 made before March 1, 1987. This section expires March 1, 1987,
12 except that it continues in effect for the disposition of any
13 license application made under this section before that date.

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

15 SECTION 5. The importance of this legislation and the
16 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an
17 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
18 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
19 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

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JAN 30 1985

1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.

FEB 6 1985

2. Read first time and Referred to Committee on

Public Health

3. Reported favorably (as amended) and sent to Printer at _____
(as substituted)

4. Printed and distributed at _____

5. Sent to Committee on Calendars at _____

6. Read second time (amended); passed to third reading (failed) by (Non-Record Vote)
(Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____
present, not voting).

7. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.B. _____ was ordered
engrossed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas,
_____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

8. Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed
to suspend) by a four-fifths vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____
present, not voting).

9. Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote
of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting).

10. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

11. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H. B. _____ was finally passed
prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____
nays, and _____ present, not voting).

12. Ordered Engrossed at _____

13. Engrossed.

14. Returned to Chief Clerk at _____

15. Sent to Senate.

Chief Clerk of the House

16. Received from the House

17. Read, referred to Committee on _____

18. Reported favorably

19. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read
first time.

20. Ordered not printed.

21. Regular order of business suspended by
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

_____ 22. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays.

_____ 23. Read second time _____ passed to third reading by:
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

_____ 24. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

_____ 25. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas,
_____ nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

_____ 26. Read third time and passed by
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

OTHER ACTION: OTHER ACTION:

Secretary of the Senate

_____ 27. Returned to the House.

_____ 28. Received from the Senate (with amendments.)
(as substituted.)

_____ 29. House (Concurred) (Refused to Concur) in Senate (Amendments) by a (Non-Record
(Substitute) Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present,
not voting).

_____ 30. Conference Committee Ordered.

_____ 31. Conference Committee Report Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record
Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

_____ 32. Ordered Enrolled at _____